

TREK 10 TRAILS 2017

Parking GPS Coordinates:
N 27° 55.042 W 081° 50.675

TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:
N 27° 55.873 W 081° 51.281



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From I-4 east or west, take the Polk Parkway (Toll Road 570) and exit at US Hwy. 98 south, Exit 10. Continue south past Highland City, 6.6 miles. Turn left on Eagle Dr, then turn right on Osprey Blvd. Park in the hospital parking lot and take Ft Fraser trail north to the cache.

The trailhead is due south of the PSC/USF Campus and includes restrooms and other amenities. The trail is 12-foot-wide, 7.75-mile long and runs parallel to U.S. Highway 98 from State Highway 60 (Van Fleet Drive) in Bartow to County Road 540 (Winter Lake Road) just beyond the PCC/USF campus. The trail markers run north and south from the Highland City Trailhead along the former CSX railroad line.

THINGS TO SEE

A historical marker erected on the trail just south of CR 540A stands in close proximity to where Fort Fraser was actually located. Along the trail are picnic areas, rest shelters, and three bridges that many use as turnaround landmarks to shorten hikes. As many as 33 different species of butterflies have been identified along the trail.

FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

Park at the hospital in the western parking spots. Go to the trail and head north. Pass the Ford dealer and a covered bench. Before the S curves in the trail, you will pass another covered bench. After the S curves look for the 2.5 mile marker painted on the trail on the right side. About thirty feet past the mile marker look for the large oak tree on the right side of the trail. The geocache is at the base. Be careful of the barbed wire fence. (Hike: 2.25 miles roundtrip)



Fort Fraser Trail

Is named for the fort constructed in 1837 during the Second Seminole War. The fort was named for Captain Upton Fraser who was killed in the first battle of the war. The fort was activated when Col Zachary Taylor arrived with Company B & E of the 1st US Infantry along with 80 wagon of supplies to construct a military road. Fort Fraser was officially closed by the US Army six months later and Col. Zachary Taylor later became the nations 12th president.



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